

and U.S. Application No. 09/903,441, filed July 10, 2001; which claim the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/275,206, filed March 12, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/241,450, filed October 17, 2000. These applications are hereby incorporated by reference--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph

--In some embodiments of the invention, the internetwork is implemented by a plurality of one or more subnetworks, including a plurality of one or more VPNs, a plurality of one or more BGP autonomous systems, a plurality of one or more local area networks, a plurality of one or more metropolitan area networks, and a plurality of one or more wide area networks.--

#### **REMARKS**

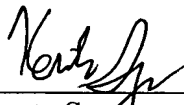
In light of the amendments set forth above, Applicants earnestly believe that they are entitled to a letters patent, and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

Paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 16, as been amended as follows:

-In some embodiments of the invention, the internetwork is implemented by a plurality of one or more subnetworks, including a plurality of one or more VPNs, a plurality of one or more BGP autonomous systems, a plurality of one or more local area networks, a plurality of one or metropolitan area networks, and a plurality of one or [morewide] more wide area networks.